

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 755

By Wilder

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Mr. Jammie H. Foster, Jr., of Whiteville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Jammie H. Foster, Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of Bethel College in 1968 with a degree in Business Administration, Mr. Foster served as the Director of Admissions at his alma mater, Bethel College, from 1978-84; he went on to earn a masters degree in Adult and Technical Education in 1990 from the University of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, prior to 1978, he served as the Interim Academic Dean and Recruiter for Draughons Junior College, and was a successful entrepreneur as the owner and operator of a wholesale and retail silk screening business; he also served as the administrator and coordinator of a program of cooperative vocational education in a three-school-system-area in Jefferson City, Missouri after he served as a teacher for Winona High School where he taught accounting, economics, general business, business math, and English; and

WHEREAS, from 1984-97, he served as the assistant director at the Tennessee Technology Center at McKenzie, and until his recent and untimely death, he had served with acumen as the Director of the Technology Center at Whiteville for six years; and

WHEREAS, he earned the respect of his peers, his staff and students alike for the exemplary quality of and care in which he went about his work; during his tenure at the Technology Center at Whiteville, Mr. Foster oversaw the completion of a 7,000 square foot addition to the campus facilities; and

WHEREAS, active within the community through different area events and civic activities, Mr. Foster was an active Rotarian who served on the Hardeman County Literacy Council and the Board of Directors for the Hardeman County Developmental Services; he was a mentor for Whiteville Elementary School and was very active in Junior Achievement; and

WHEREAS, he also proudly served his country as a veteran of the United States Army; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Foster was an active and devout member of the Bolivar Cumberland Presbyterian Church, which he served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, a man of varied interests and hobbies, Mr. Foster was an avid reader and a champion for the underdog; he also enjoyed carpentry, canoeing, gardening, hunting, and spending quality time with his children; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jammie Foster was deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, he enjoyed the loving companionship of his fiancée, Kathy Kee of Huntington, and was the proud father of two sons, Andrew Foster and Lute Foster, and the doting brother of his sister, Nora Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, Jammie Foster leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Mr. Jammie H. Foster, Jr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Foster.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

